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Eisenhower Foundation Website: Our Digital Bridge

In a year marked by uncertainty, one thing has remained sure: the unwavering commitment from our supporters. This past year reinforced just how loyal you all are, a testament to the strength of this organization.

We are proud of what we have accomplished together. The IKEducation Virtual Classroom will be an integral part of our journey toward the next 75 years of executing our mission. This will ensure the stories and values from Dwight D. Eisenhower and the Greatest Generation are passed on to future generations.

The coming months will be exciting as new interactive components are unveiled at www.EisenhowerFoundation.net.

In March, we launched the IKEducation Primary Source Library. This ever-growing resource showcases archival documents, historic photos, and 3-D imaging of artifacts. While designed specifically with teachers and students in mind, this tool is also accessible for all learners to peruse.

Later this month, the digital resources acquired through our partnership with the Eisenhower Memorial Commission will launch. This includes an interactive timeline of Ike's life, seven Pivotal Moments, information and an audio tour of the Washington, D.C.-based memorial, and the history of the Eisenhower Legacy Organizations.

Finally, Ike's Soldiers: A Virtual World War II Honor Roll, will be launched in June. Read more about this initiative on pages 3-4.

These important projects would not be possible without our supporters and people, like you, across the country who still like Ike. Together, we are building a digital bridge for Ike's legacy to connect with learners well into the future.



Primary Source Library landing page where a user can search through hundreds of resources.



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Meredith's Memo

Dear Friends,

Wow! I continue to be humbled by your generous support of the Eisenhower Foundation. Because of your gifts, Donate Day was an overwhelming success! Donate Day was a matching gift opportunity through the Community Foundation of Dickinson County. All gifts received on March 26 were matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$10,000. In total, \$43,021 was raised on Donate Day for our endowed fund at the Community Foundation. Thank you so much!

As the pandemic begins to subside, the Eisenhower Foundation is ready to begin assimilating back to "business as usual." I want to share with you the multi-phased approach of when and how we will re-open.

Currently, the Eisenhower Foundation staff has returned to our office, located within the Eisenhower Library building, for a few hours each week. The Eisenhower Presidential Library & Museum staff will be working diligently over the next several weeks to prepare the 22-acre campus for welcoming our *Friends of the Eisenhower Foundation* and the public. Please check the Eisenhower Library's website, www.eisenhowerlibrary.gov, to confirm a public opening date, and then plan a trip to our world-class Museum. We look forward to welcoming you to Ike's hometown.

Sincerely,



Meredith Sleichter
Executive Director

2020 Research Travel Grant Awards

The Eisenhower Foundation's Abilene Research Travel Grant Program assists scholars researching at the Eisenhower Presidential Library. Grants are awarded to individual researchers on a competitive basis to cover a portion of expenses while in Abilene using the Library's extensive collection.

The 2020 Research Travel Grants were made possible by the Richard Lowry Memorial Fund. Fifteen individuals were awarded grants, three PhD candidates (*listed below*) and 12 researching for a book or article (*listed at right*).

While the pandemic has delayed traveling to the Eisenhower Presidential Library, all grants will be honored when the archives reopen. Recipients are located all over the world and research a broad variety of topics within the collection of the Eisenhower Presidential Library.

The Eisenhower Foundation looks forward to welcoming these researchers to Abilene, Kansas, in the coming months. **August 10, 2021, is the application deadline for the 2021 Research Travel Grant Program.**

PhD Candidates

Ms. Monica Campbell

Oxford, MS | *Slums are our most Expensive Luxuries: Little Rock's Metropolitan and the Making of the Neoliberal City (1939-1980)*

Mr. Salem Elzway

Omaha NE | *Arms of the State: A history of the Industrial Robot in postwar America*

Mr. Fernanda Conforto De Oliveria

Geneva, Switzerland | *Uprooting Underdevelopment: The International Monetary Fund and Latin America's Southern Cone in the post war (1945-1965)*

Special Recognition

Research for Book/Article

Dr. Alan Anderson

Shoreview, MN | *Move Out and Draw Fire – The 91st Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron in World War II*

Dr. Jeffrey Bloodworth

Erie, PA | *Heartland Liberal: The Life & Times of Speaker Carl Albert*

Dr. Matt Buehler

Knoxville, TN | *Atom Alliances*

Dr. Yoav Fromer

Tel Aviv, Israel (US Citizen) | *People's Pharaoh: Nasser in American Eyes*

Mr. Dominic Allen

Giffnock, Glasgow, Scotland | *The Red Scare on the Waterfront: The Impact of the Magnuson Act of 1950 on Communist, African American and Gay Maritime Workers*

Mr. Peter LeBuza

Emeryville, CA | *The Cranes are Flying to Hollywood! The Paradox of Cultural Exchange and Blacklist*

Dr. Eric Lindquist

Boise, ID | *Atomic Agricultural and Scientific Internationalism in the Cold War: The case of the Sterile Insect Technique*

Mr. Edward Longe

United Kingdom | *The Alliance Apart: Anti-Communism and the Anglo-American Relationship 1946-1960*

Dr. Andrew Salvati

Somerset, NJ | *Remembering WWII: The Last World War as a Television Epic (1945-1953)*

Dr. Andrew Simpson

Pittsburg, PA | *Old Money: The Transformation of Aging in the United States*

Dr. William Taylor

Wall, TX | *Protecting Free Society: The Advent of the All-Volunteer Force*

Dr. Steven Wagnor

Carthage, MO | *Dwight D. Eisenhower for Today's World*

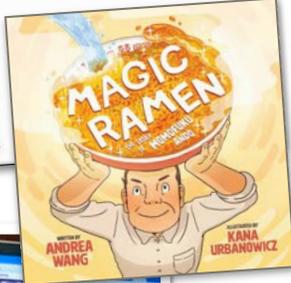
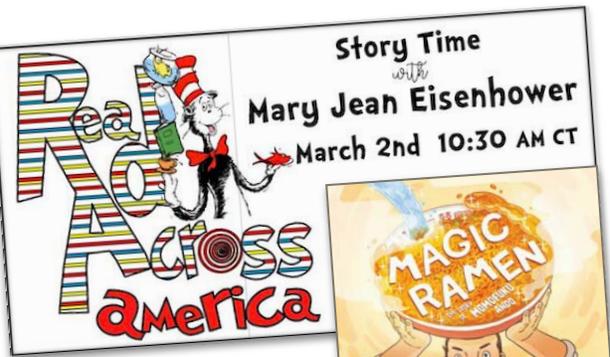
IKEducation

Read Across America with Mary Jean Eisenhower

IKEducation celebrated Read Across America in March with hundreds of school children and a very special reader, Mary Jean Eisenhower. Mary Jean read *Magic Ramen: The Story of Momofuku Ando*, written by Andrea Wang and illustrated by Kana Urbanowicz.

In *Magic Ramen*, protagonist Momofuku encounters people lined up in the bitter cold waiting for the smallest bit of food amid the rubble of Japan after World War II. “The world is peaceful only when everyone has enough to eat,” he thought. Haunted by this memory, Ando worked in a little shed in his backyard, experimenting and trying to create a new kind of noodle soup that was quick to make, nutritious, and tasty in order to feed the hungry: ramen noodles!

Ike witnessed the starvation faced by people in devastated post-World War II countries, as well as the Marshall Plan that helped provide food and resources for those people to rebuild. In fact, General Dwight Eisenhower spent his first Thanksgiving after World War II urging Congress to increase funding for United Nations hunger relief. He knew the mission of World War II was not complete until we defeated the enemy of hunger. This non-fiction children’s book envelopes the spirit of the Food for Peace program that President Eisenhower initiated through his Agriculture Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954.



Mary Jean Eisenhower reading to students for a virtual Read Across America program.

Little Ike Story Time

Building a Foundation

This semester, IKEducation launched a new early education program, Little Ike Story Time. Our experienced elementary IKEducators visit Kindergarten - 2nd grade classrooms in-person or virtually to read a book, play, and create with students. Each program teaches a grade-appropriate lesson that connects to Dwight D. Eisenhower (who was nicknamed “Little Ike” in his childhood — his brother, Edgar, was called “Big Ike”).

Our February book was *The Colors of Us* by Karen Katz. A primary concern for elementary students is that everyone be treated equally. They are quick to alert others with a cry of “It’s not fair!” The Eisenhower Era marked the beginning of the modern civil rights movement and a growing federal commitment to the cause of civil rights. Our youngest students understand that discrimination based on skin color is *not fair*. This book asks students to go beyond black and white and take a closer look at all shades of skin by using Crayola’s “Colors of the World” crayons and familiar description words. All colors are celebrated, and all are beautiful. This lesson provides children with a foundation for future lessons of our country’s difficult past and present struggles with civil rights.

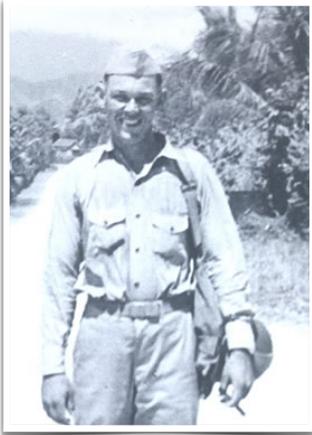
Teachers and parents can check out each month’s book and register for a program at www.EisenhowerFoundation.net.



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Ike's Soldiers

Louis Edgar Haslouer



Louis Haslouer, Enterprise, Kansas, volunteered for "Merrill's Marauders."

Louis was one of three Haslouer brothers, along with Edward and Elvin, from Enterprise, Kansas, who fought in World War II. Louis served in the Army Infantry in the Northern Solomons and Guadalcanal. Late in 1943, President Roosevelt issued a Presidential call for volunteers for "A Dangerous and Hazardous Mission." The Unit was officially designated as the "5307th Composite Unit (Provisional)" Code Name: "GALAHAD," later it became known as "Merrill's Marauders" named after its leader, Brigadier General Frank Merrill.

Louis volunteered for Merrill's Marauders and saw service in the China-India-Burma campaign. The Marauders were a completely volunteer outfit with the mission of retaking the Burma Road. They trained in secrecy in the jungles of Central India, then began the march up the Ledo Road, over the outlying ranges of the Himalayan Mountains into Burma.

They had no tanks or artillery to support them and walked over 1,000 miles through dense jungles. They disrupted the Japanese supply and communications lines and climaxed their 'behind the lines' operations with the strategic capture of Myitkyina Airfield. Supply aircraft would no longer have to fly over "the Hump" into China. By this time, they had endured four months of marching and combat in the mountains and jungles of Burma. They had to carry

all of their equipment on their backs and the backs of pack mules. Air drops were made to re-supply them with food and supplies. For their accomplishments in Burma, the Marauders were awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation in July of 1944, re-designated in 1966 as the Presidential Unit Citation. Louis also received three Bronze Stars, and a Good Conduct Medal, but was most proud of his Combat Infantryman Badge. Louis died in January of 1991.

We thank the Haslouer family for their service and sacrifice for our nation.

Our Partners

Ike's Soldiers: A Virtual World War II Honor Roll for the Greatest Generation

Throughout the years, the Eisenhower Foundation has been fortunate to collect stories from World War II soldiers — The Greatest Generation. This June, we will unveil an all-new virtual honor roll for our heroes.

Ike's Soldiers will be a completely updated and modernized feature on our website,

www.EisenhowerFoundation.net. It will display primary source photos, personal stories, and video interviews from those who saved our world from unspeakable horror.

The Eisenhower Foundation hopes to continue adding to the nearly 1,000 soldier profiles that will soon be available on Ike's Soldiers. We invite World War II veterans to tell their own stories about their experiences on video and submit them to Ike's Soldiers (*contact our office for more information*). In addition, the new site enables anyone in the world to honor a World War II soldier by submitting their biography and photo.

Ike's Soldiers would not be possible without our project supporters we recognize above. We thank them for their generosity and belief in our work.



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Ike's Soldiers

The mission of Ike's Soldiers is to honor General Eisenhower's legacy through the compelling stories of the soldiers he led and share them with the world.

Featuring videos, photographs, and accounts of World War II soldiers, including heroes such as Senator Robert J. Dole, Ike's Soldiers records this

history for students, teachers, researchers, and our visitors to learn about the human side of war.

The newly revamped section of the Foundation's website also allows users to create their own collection of World War II veteran stories from our collections.

Ike's Soldiers is free and open to anyone, thanks to our supporters. To make a contribution to Ike's Soldiers, please visit our website or use the form below and check "Ike's Soldiers." Your donations allow us to fulfill our mission and for that, we are grateful.



Robert J. Dole
Army

Upcoming Events

Due to COVID-19, all public events at the Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene, Kansas, will be virtual until further notice. See the websites below for program and registration information.

IKEducation:

www.EisenhowerFoundation.net

IKEducators will present online programs on Thursdays at 10:00 am and 1:00 pm CT. For more information, check out IKEducation on our website.

April 2021

- 8** *Use It Up: World War II Rationing and Propaganda*, Grades 4-8
- 15** *D-Day Deception*, Grades 9-12
- 22** *Be Prepared: Duck and Cover*, Grades 6-8
- 29** *Primarily Omaha Beach*, Grades 9-12

May 2021

- 6** *Little Ike*, Grades 3-5

Eisenhower Presidential Library:

www.EisenhowerLibrary.gov

See the public programs calendar on the Library website for complete program information and Ike's Book Club titles.

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Spotlight Event



2021 Dickinson County Donate Day: A Record Year

The Community Foundation of Dickinson County held their third-annual Dickinson County Donate Day on Friday, March 26, 2021. In typical fashion, Eisenhower Foundation donors from all over the country answered our call: If we raised \$10,000, it would be matched with \$5,000 from the Community Foundation of Dickinson County and \$5,000 from a loyal donor.

After all donations were counted, \$43,021 was raised — a record-setting year for our organization — with over 100 gifts received from individuals in 20 states, in addition to our home state of Kansas. We are honored by this outpouring of support.

These donations will be added to our Endowment Fund, held by the Community Foundation of Dickinson County, where it is invested and managed. Since 2019, the Eisenhower Foundation has raised \$122,000 for this fund by participating in Donate Day.

As the Eisenhower Foundation continues to plan for the next 75 years, we realize that a healthy endowment is vital to our future success. Dickinson County Donate Day has been a catalyst in growing our Endowment Fund. As always, we thank the Community Foundation of Dickinson County for organizing this event, and our donors for their commitment to our cause.

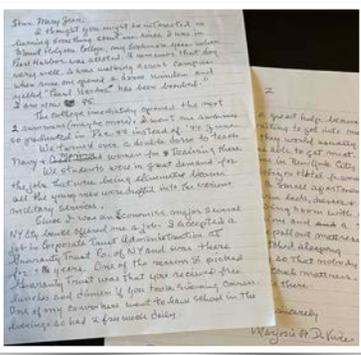


President Dwight D. Eisenhower during a visit to Abilene on October 10, 1953.

Ike's Mail Call

World War II on the Home Front: New Opportunities for Women

Every year we receive several letters from donors, and we enjoy reading each personal perspective on events during the Eisenhower Era. Since Women's History Month was observed in March, we are sharing one woman's story about how World War II brought new opportunities.



Marjorie DuVivier wrote about her job opportunity during World War II.

“... I was in Mount Holyoke College [Massachusetts] my senior year when Pearl Harbor was attacked. I remember that day very well. I was walking across campus when someone opened a dorm window and yelled, ‘Pearl Harbor has been bombed!’ The college immediately opened the next two summers (maybe more). I went one summer so I graduated in December ‘43 instead of ‘44 June. We turned over a double dorm to Navy and Marine women for training there. We students were in great demand for the jobs that were being vacated because all the young men were drafted into the various military services. Since I was an Economics major, several New York City banks offered me a job. I accepted a job in Corporate Trust Administration at Guaranty Trust Co. of NY and was there for 3 years. One of the reasons I picked Guaranty Trust was that you received free lunches and dinner if you took evening courses. Free meals were a great help because there was often a line waiting to get into meat-selling stores, and they would usually run out ... Part of my time in New York City I was living at the Barbizon Hotel for Women. Later I lived in a small apartment – one bedroom with twin beds . . . and a living room with a sofa with 3 soft cushions, and a studio couch . . . We switched sleeping arrangements weekly so that nobody was stuck with the missing couch mattress. There were usually 4 girls there. Very Sincerely, Marjorie A. DuVivier”

At the time of this letter, Marjorie was 95 years old. She passed away just a few months later. Not only did Marjorie play a ground-breaking role for working women, the Barbizon Hotel for Women offered independence and secure housing for young, single women in New York City. Men were not admitted until 1981.

Featured Artifact

Behind the Curtain: A Note from the Library's Director, Dawn Hammatt

I've often said the work we do in the museum world is like magic. *SPOILER ALERT* I'm going to let you in on some of the magician's secrets. You are likely familiar with some of the more famous holdings, but do you know how they came to be in our collection or how we care for the items? Let's take a look at one special artifact many of you have probably seen – the uniform worn by a soldier talking with General Eisenhower in the iconic D-Day photo. It is one of my favorite stories.



Wally Strobel donated the paratrooper uniform he wore in this D-Day photo with General Eisenhower.

The iconic photo captured First Lieutenant Wallace “Wally” Strobel, 101st Airborne, 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment, (*left, wearing the number 23 around his neck*) talking with General Eisenhower on the eve of the D-Day invasion. Wally visited the Eisenhower Presidential Library in 1992 to donate his uniform and share his memory of meeting General Eisenhower. Ike often visited the troops when he could and talked with the men about everyday things, like hometowns and hobbies. Ike's calm approach was intended to provide courage and strength by reminding the men what they would do *when* — not if — the Allies won and they were able to return home. In this case, Ike discovered Wally also liked to fish. Wally explained that this photo captured Ike talking to him about a fly fishing cast!

Museums have exacting procedures for object care. Museum forms are not like mannequins found in clothing stores. Wally's uniform rests on a custom form made of several layers. The base is a hand-carved, acid-free, inert foam, that fits exactly to the uniform's measurements. The final top layer is a cotton slip cover

that provides a solid and secure surface for the garment. The display case itself is a secure environment that also provides preservation standard conditions with appropriate ultraviolet-free lighting, temperature stabilization, and strict humidity control. These cases, custom designed as integral parts of the recent exhibit renovations, were created to provide flexible display space for the rotation of artifacts allowing for preservation of the collection and highest security standards.

Each artifact has specific care needs that vary, based on a number of factors – age, material, use, and storage history before being donated to the museum. Wally's uniform is an example of the challenges when an artifact includes a variety of materials. The heavy, reinforced cotton twill used for Army uniforms has held up quite well. However, the same cannot be said for the inexpensive metal alloy snaps and buttons that were mass-produced during wartime production. While Wally cleaned the uniform over the years, the degradation caused by exposure to the elements during the invasion could not be halted by

typical laundering. The rust and oxidation of the different metals of the alloy can only be treated with special methods by professional conservators in a laboratory setting. These treatments are performed methodically and stop any further rusting. Such treatments can require a significant investment. We hope to be able to preserve Wally's meaningful donation in the near future.

I hope you enjoyed this peek behind the curtain. Every one of the National Archives staff here at the Eisenhower Presidential Library and Museum is honored to care for our nation's heritage. Most especially, thank you for supporting the Eisenhower Foundation. Our partnership with the Eisenhower Foundation is what makes all of this magic possible.



Close-up of some of the rust on Wally's uniform.



This display case featuring Wally's uniform leads visitors into the D-Day Theater.



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